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Welch Allotment
Grazing Lease

Determination of NEPA Adequacy
DOI-BLM-MT-C020-2013-0197-DNA

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Worksheet
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BLM Office: Miles City

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-MT-C020-2013-0197-DNA

Case File/Project No: 2503358

Proposed Action Title/Type: 130813_Welch Allot Grazing Lease DNA

Location/Legal Description: Rosebud Co.

A: Description of the Proposed Action:

Ensure the allotments continue to meet Land Health Standards and issue a grazing lease to the applicant. The term of the BLM grazing lease would be from March 1, 2013 - February 28, 2023. The grazing lease would be issued as follows:

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Allotment Name & Number	Livestock Number	Livestock Kind	Grazing Begin	Period End	%PL	Type Use	AUMs
Moreland No. 00062	21	Cattle	06/01	02/28	100	Active	188
Welch No. 10108	1	Cattle	03/01	02/28	100	Custodial	12

Moreland Allotment Total Active AUMs: 188

Welch Allotment Total Active AUMs: 12

Terms and Conditions:

Grazing not to exceed the surveyed carrying capacity

Supplemental feed (includes salting) will not be placed within one-quarter mile of stock watering facilities, riparian zones, hardwood draws or wetlands. Supplemental feed defined as feed that does not replace forage available from public lands.

Applicant: Northern Cheyenne Tribe

County: Rosebud

DNA Originator: Dawn Doran

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name* Powder River RMP Date Approved 1985

Other document** _____ Date Approved

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**List applicable LUPs (for example, resource management plans; activity, project, management, or program plans; or applicable amendments thereto)*

☐ The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

☒ The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions).

This proposed action is in accordance with the Powder River RMP Record of Decision approved in 1985, as amended by the Standard for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing for Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota ROD approved in 1997. The Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing for Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota ROD states on page 12 “Terms and conditions are a tool to achieve resource conditions in the standard”. The Powder River RMP Record of Decision (page 1) states that Appendix E- Allotment Summaries and Utilization Computation of the Final Environmental Impact statement (pages 315-332) are included within the Record of Decision. This appendix includes the allotments that are allocated grazing use.

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document(s) and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

Batched EA # MT-020-99-73

S&G Pass 03 # MT-020-2004-248

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List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation and monitoring report).

Moreland Allotment Standards for Rangeland Health Assessment 2003

Moreland Allotment Standards for Rangeland Health ID Team Review 2012

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Yes, the proposed action for the Moreland Allotment is the same as the proposed action for the Moreland Allotment in the Batched EA # MT-020-99-73, S&G Pass 03 # MT-020-2004-248 and FY 2013 Batch Permit and Lease Renewals EA # MT-C020-2013-0035-EA. The Welch

Allotment proposed action is the same as the proposed action for the Welch Allotment in the Batched EA # MT-020-99-73.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values?

Yes, the Batched EA # MT-020-99-73 analyzed the proposed action and considered a No Permit or Lease Renewal Alternative. The S&G Pass 03 # MT-020-2004-248 considered a No Grazing Alternative. The FY 13 Batch Permit and Lease Renewals EA # MT-C020-2013-0035-EA analyzed a No Action Alternative and a Reduced Grazing/Implementation of a Rest or Deferred Rotational Grazing System Alternative. Those alternatives are appropriate because this is a non-controversial grazing lease.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstance would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Yes, the existing analysis is adequate. There is no new information available.

4. Are the direct, indirect and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Yes, the impacts analyzed in the Batched EA # MT-020-99-7, S&G Pass 03 # MT-020-2004-248, and the FY 13 Batch Permit and Lease Renewals EA # MT-C020-2013-0035-EA are the same as for the current proposed action. These EAs analyzed site specific impacts on the same allotments as the proposed action. The cumulative impacts are unchanged from those identified in these EAs.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Yes, the public and interagency review of the existing NEPA document is adequate for the current proposed action.

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource Represented</u>	<u>Initials & Date</u>
Dale Tribby	Lead Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife	<i>dct</i> 8/14/13
Reyer Rens	Supervisory RMS	Review	RR 8/19/2013



9/4/2013

Environmental Coordinator

Date

F. Mitigation Measures: List any applicable mitigation measures that were identified, analyzed, and approved in relevant LUPs and existing NEPA document(s). List the specific mitigation measures or identify an attachment that includes those specific mitigation measures. Document that these applicable mitigation measures must be incorporated and implemented.

CONCLUSION

☒ Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

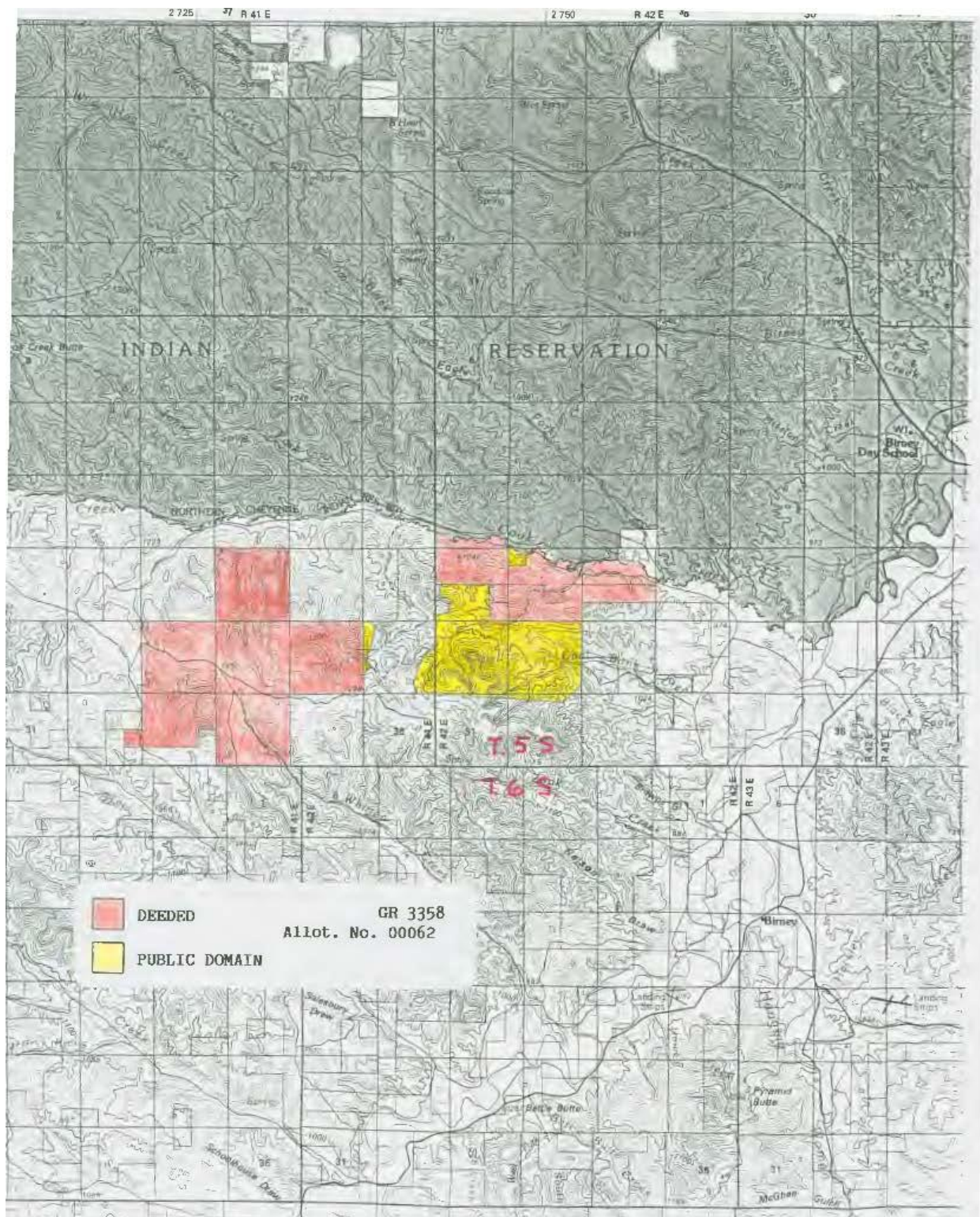
Note: If one or more of the criteria are not met, a conclusion of conformance and/or NEPA adequacy cannot be made and this box cannot be checked



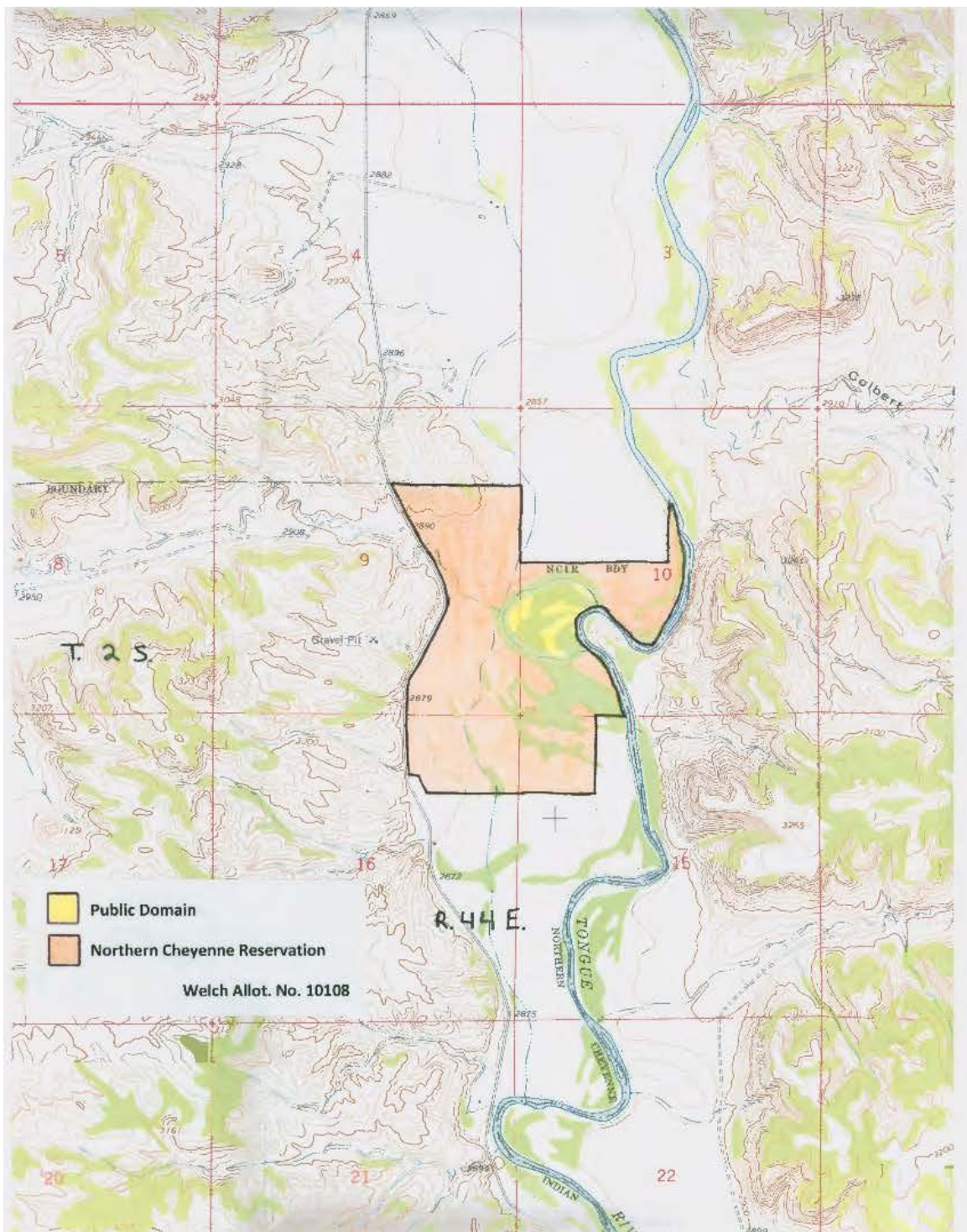
For Todd Yeager
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9/5/2013

Date



Moreland Allotment No. 00062



Welch Allotment No. 10108